

College ... Continued from A-3

Representatives from College Dreams and Rogue Community College were on site to not only present the information but also answer any questions. Monet Talty, a College Dreams counselor for IVHS and Lorna Byrne Middle School (LBMS), and Sabrina Miller, an IVHS graduate, were the hosts for the night. Talty and Miller covered topics that most new college students and perhaps their parents would not normally think of or know how to get started. Although the information was mostly geared towards juniors and seniors in high school, everyone was welcome to participate in the presentation.

The main subjects covered were: why go to college, choosing the right college, paying for college and scholarship searches and scams. Some helpful tips that were presented were: you don't necessarily have to know what you want to do. There are open majors that allow you to get your prerequisites done while deciding what to study for. When choosing colleges keep in mind what you plan on majoring in (if known), activities you enjoy doing and think about the school size. If a student previously went to a small high school, it might be over whelming to attend a large university the first year. Paying for college is always a worry. The best place to start is to apply for the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). It's a government program that is always free to use and sign up for. Go to www.fafsa.gov for more information. Other websites that are helpful include: www.oregonstudentaid.gov, also known as OSAC. www.scholarships.com help narrow down what type of scholarships to apply for based on interests and what one is majoring in. One of the most important subjects covered was to watch for scams when signing up for FAFSA, grants or even scholarships. There are websites that charge for their services to help you find the right scholarships, grants or to help fill out a FAFSA application. None of the above listed websites charge for their services.

Throughout the presentation door prizes were handed out to people answering questions or for just general knowledge already known. Anticipation grew as the night went on, because before the workshop started it was announced that at the end of the presentation there would be four \$500 scholarships awarded that would be good towards any college or university.

The night was brought to a close with the drawing of the four scholarships, and the winners of the scholarships were: Myles Hodge, Natasha Elkins, Keith Lewin, all seniors and sophomore Caleb Mayville.

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Haunted House brings frights and screams

By
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Friday Oct. 25 to 27 and Halloween night, Jubilee Park was filled with frights and screams. I.V. Haunt hosted their fifth annual haunted house at the park. The event brought in over 500 people, 386 in attendance just on Halloween, looking for a good scare over the four nights.

Before the haunted house was opened on Halloween night, Kit Hulsey, co-founder of I.V. Haunt, held a candle light vigil, in keeping with Halloween traditions, honoring those who have passed. Many in the crowd waiting to go through the haunted house brought their own candles to honor loved ones or those they

knew who have passed.

The origins of Halloween are not well known but are thought to have come from the ancient Celtic festival known as Samhain (pronounced sow-in). October 1 was thought to be when the dead were able to cross over into the living to wreak havoc on farms, causing trouble and damage crops. The dead were also thought to help priests, known as Druids, predict the future. During Samhain the Druids would light bonfires and the people from surrounding farms would gather to burn crops and offer animal sacrifices to honor and appease the dead during which time the Celts wore costumes made from animal heads and hides. During the festival they would try and tell each other's fortune. Over the years the original traditions of the festival have been mixed and

mingled with other traditions, eventually leading to the holiday it is today.

I.V. Haunt is a non-profit organization and donates all of its proceeds each year to local clubs and other organizations. This year the I.V. Volunteer Firefighters Association and the Boys and Girls Club benefited from the profits made from the haunted house. Each organization received almost \$400.

Members of the Eastern Star chapter were also on site on Halloween selling hot dogs, chips and sodas. The profits earned will go towards scholarships and help charities such as the Shriners. "We'd like to thank all of the volunteers and everyone who contributed time and energy in the building, scaring and break down," said Hulsey.



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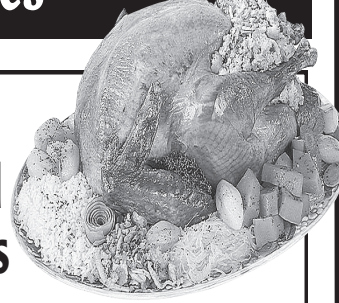
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